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THE CONGRESSIONAL GLOBE.

Messrs. Rives & Bailey have printed for circulation in the Senate another circular in regard to the printing and publication of the debates. This, we believe, is the fourth document of this character sent forth from the press of the *Constitutional Globe* since the bill awarding the contract to the proprietor of the *Republican* passed the House. The energy of these gentlemen is truly wonderful, and merits our highest commendation. They have demonstrated their capacity not only to get out the debates in Congress, but to sit up late into the night and write and print pamphlets for the delight, edification and amusement of Congress. We do not propose to answer this latest emanation of Rives & Bailey for the reason that it does not give an answer. But there are one or two questions which we should like to see this distinguished firm, the successors of Blair & Rives, answer. And first of all, why are they rushing into this circular business? And why do they in particular assail our bid? They have not seen fit to compete for the work. When the Joint Committee on Printing, in obedience to an act of Congress, advertised for proposals for the reporting, printing and publication of the debates in Congress, Messrs. Rives & Bailey, who have been doing this work for upwards of forty years, against whom charges of extravagance have been time and again preferred since the floor of both houses, treated the advertisement of the committee with contempt and did not condescend to reply to it. There was a bid from a firm in Kansas; there was a bid from the Chronicle Publication Company in this city, and there was our own bid. The committee did not receive a single scrap of paper, a single figure from this firm, who are now flooding the Senate with their circulars, attacking and misrepresenting the proposition that we have submitted. The facts in this whole matter are plain as the sunlight and need no circulators to explain them. At the invitation of Congress we presented a bid for the publication of the debates. We have offered to do the work at a figure, taking the second session of the present Congress as a standard, nearly one hundred thousand dollars less per annum than the work has been done for by the present firm. In ten years this would amount to one million dollars. We have given a hand in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars that we will do the work to the satisfaction of the Joint Committee on Printing, which is authorized to take possession of our establishment if we fail a single day, or do not perform the work as it should be performed. That is our proposition, and we desire to call the attention of the Senate and of the country to it, because we mean that this matter shall be understood from one end of the land to the other. We are tired of this misrepresentation, and we mean that there shall be an end of it.

There is another point in this controversy to which we desire to call attention. In the speeches of gentlemen of the opposition, who have seen fit to make this a party question, the idea has been put forth that this printing of the debates is a sort of occult science, which nobody but the present publishers of the *Constitutional Globe* understand. The accuracy of the debates is not owing to any superior skill possessed by Messrs. Rives & Bailey; it is due entirely to the minute fingers of the shorthand reporters. All that Messrs. Rives & Bailey do is to follow "copy." They have, to be sure, competent proof-readers, but we presume that the same gentlemen will not object to take positions similar to those they now hold under another firm. We presume they would not object to working at the Government printing office for Mr. Clapp, if the work should be transferred to that establishment. Arguments of this character are "a mockery; a delusion and a snare." And we have no apprehension that they will blind or deceive the United States Senate when the subject is brought before it for consideration.

GERMAN IMMIGRATION TO THE UNITED STATES.

The question of German immigration to the United States is, it appears, far from being settled. The subject was debated in the Prussian House of Deputies last month, when von Gotha, a member of the conservative party, put a series of interrogatories to the Government—first, as to the actual number of emigrants from the Eastern provinces; and, second, whether the Administration intended to increase the number of emigrants. Count Falz-Eckart, the Minister of the Interior, said, in reply, that the statistics for 1871 showed that 36,545 had left the eastern provinces during that year, of whom 26,783 left with legal permission and 15,860 without it. In a speech on the causes of the alarming exodus he said "the experience had shown him that emigration was greatest after a war, which was owing partly to a loss of property by the small capitalists and partly to the want of small capital."

The full report, which we print in other columns, will give those who were not present a good idea of the scenes in the House yesterday and of the concluding opinions in regard to the Poland report and the resolutions providing for the expulsion of Mr. Ames and Mr. Brooks. The conservative party, while it will not open up the case, the probability is that the whole report will be laid upon the table, but it is hazardous to make a prediction in regard to what the House will or will not do upon any subject, much less so grave a one as that now before it. What, in our opinion, it should do, we have again and again declared.

The *Dunbury Journal* went to "wash" the other similar institutions should the *Journal* be drawn into the same. The *Journal* is controlled by the well-known men—the store-benefits that have so long traversed the country, and which are now to be found in every town and village. An old-fashioned hair trunk, with a paint brush tail and a brass eye, would put the "wash" to a gaudy and vulgar sight.

these circumstances is the most dangerous. The wisdom of the German Government is, however, to be commended. Her great need is unity. Harsh and oppressive legislation would only have the effect of accelerating what it is, from a German stand-point, so desirable to retard.

THE PRESIDENT ON THE LOUISIANA QUESTION.

Those who fancied that the President would be unduly influenced by political considerations in his action with reference to the Louisiana mandate will be compelled to acknowledge their error on a perusal of his modest but firm message, the text of which we present in another column. His express intentions, in view of the position of the Court of Appeals, and the question presented by the claimed legal existence of two governments within one State, are based upon the most practical and most widely recognized principles of American law.

The settlement of this Louisiana question is very desirable just now. The business of the State has been indefinitely retarded by its want of proper government, and the peace and welfare of its citizens received a decided check by the party which a committee of the present state of affairs will only make the more undesirable. It is due to the entire country, and more particularly to the suffering interests of the State herself, that Congress, before its adjournment, should adopt such measures as will relieve the Executive from the necessity of interfering in State affairs, and restore to Louisiana a government capable of ensuring and worthy of receiving the respect of her citizens. What is most important in this matter is that an entire county, a committee of the present state of affairs, will no longer delay action upon it.

THE POMEROY INVESTIGATION.

The evidence in the Pomeroy investigation was concluded yesterday, and the counsel on either side were instructed to present written or printed arguments to the committee on or before tomorrow morning. Senator Pomeroy, under oath, made a full statement as to all the charges against him, and then detailed his transactions with York at length. He stated that he had received \$10,000 from Mr. John L. Page, of Independence, Kansas, a banker there, and a man of wealth and high position. Mr. Page took the advantage of this interview, and urged Congress to perform the duty which belongs peculiarly to its province. There is sufficient time before the 4th of March in which to permanently settle this question, and it is to be hoped that Congress will no longer delay action upon it.

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